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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant : Nancy A. Abbe

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FOR : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR STORING FOOD

Group Art Unit : 3727

Examiner : Stephen Castellano

New York, New York 10020 March 13, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of the shortened statutory period set for response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of four hundred sixty dollars (\$460.00), in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), small

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